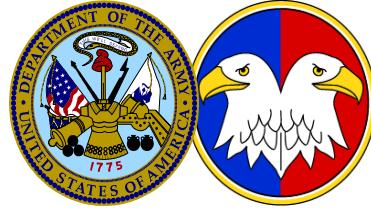




# ***Child & Youth Services Mission Statement***

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Support readiness and well-being of  
***geographically dispersed***  
families by  
reducing the conflict between  
parental  
responsibilities and mission  
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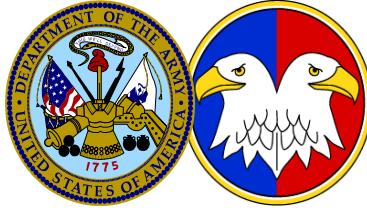
# Child & Youth Services



- 3 Focus Areas: Child care, Youth Development and Student Support
- Types of Service: Mission support and deployment support
- Recipients = about 160,000 AR Children



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# ***How We Help Families NOW!***



- Locate quality childcare in local community
- Foster relationships between military youth
- Connect Families with youth development activities
- Create teen leadership opportunities
- Educate community about unique characteristics of Army Reserve Families



# Military Child Care Initiatives



- ❖ Reduce amounts for child care during deployments
- ❖ Get help finding local, quality child care
- ❖ Get free child care during R & R
- ❖ Reduce time on installation waiting list (AGR and Active Duty families)

**[www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org) or 1-800-424-2246**



# CYS Programs



## Child Care Services

Operation: Military Child Care helps find providers and offset costs during deployment

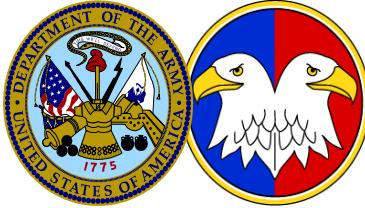
- Operation: Child Care provides free daycare while on R & R
- Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood
- Child care for Unit activities - FRGs, Battle Assemblies

## Youth Activities

- Operation: Purple is a free one week camp for children of deployed Soldiers; 20 camps; 2000 participants; 196 AR campers
- Operation: Military Kids is an 4-H/Army outreach service for "suddenly military" kids; 34 states participating
- Operation: Proud Partners is outreach by Boys & Girls Clubs; after school and weekend programs; dependents not living close to AC posts
- Army Teen Panel - 2 teens from each Army Region, NG, AR, Accessions; 2 years, two meetings in DC, TCC forum, bi-monthly conference calls



# CYS Programs



## Initiatives

- AR AFAP - 20 AR teens; “full AFAP process”; brief leadership
- Hero Packs - OMK sponsored; 400 to AR; sling pack for child and parent: disposable camera, ID tags, Hero pin, stationery, Frisbee, etc.
- Communications - newsletters, website, secure chat rooms, etc.
- Leadership Forums, Councils, Summer Camps; Mobilization Training
- Army Reserve Teen Panel

## Student Support

- School Partners: School Liaison Officer, Speak Out for Military Kids, National Military Family Association, Military Child Education Coalition, School Districts, School Counselors
- Family Support: Mobilization Briefings, Deployment Cycle Support Training, Family Readiness Groups, etc.
- Community Resources